(d) the steps being taken to improve effectiveness of the Department in curbing the wild life crimes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABULAL MARANDI): (a) The number of wildlife offences detected in Delhi is more than in other Metropolitan cities in the country. This is due to greater awareness and higher rate of detection besides the quantum of wildlife crimes.

(b) and (c) The infrastructure available to the Wildlife Department of Delhi is not up to the required extent due to lack of appropriate funds.

(d) The following steps have been taken to improve the effectiveness of the Department:

1. The wildlife staff is being equipped with arms and ammunition and they are being provided communication facilities life wireless etc.
2. A scheme for giving awards to the informer is under consideration.
3. Raids are being can. I out by the wildlife staff whenever information of illegal trade in wild animal and their products reaches them.

Construction of Boat-Culb at Sukia, Oarjeeling

486. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Darjeeling Gorkha Hi!! Council has undertaken the work to construct a board club at Sukia, Darjeeling;

(b) whether Government are aware that animals and other rare species are available in this forest only;

(c) whether the D.G.H.C. obtained necessary clearance from Government; and

(d) if not, what action Government propose to take to save the rare specie? of forests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABULAL MARANDI): (a) to (c) The Ministry has not received any such proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and neither the State Government has informed this Ministry of any kind of violation of Forest (Conservation) Act.

(d) Management and protection of forest areas is within the purview of State Government. However, the State Government has been instructed to take all necessary measures to save the rare species of flora and fauna.

दुर्लभ वन्य जीवों का संरक्षण

487. **श्री रमा शंकर कौशिक**:

प्रो. रामगोपाल यादव :

क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि**:**

(क) क्या दुर्लभ वन्य जीवों के संरक्षण के लिए कोई परियोजना केन्द्र सरकार के विचाराधीन है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है तथा उक्त परियोजना के क्रियान्वयन की समयावधि क्या है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बाबू लाल मर्राडी) : (क) और (ख) केन्द्रीय और राज्य सरकारों की मौजुदा योजनाओं के फ्रेमवर्क के भीतर ही दुर्लभ वन्य प्राणियों के संरक्षण हेतु समर्थन प्रदान किया जाता है । समय-समय पर जब कभी आवश्यकता महसूस की जाती है दुर्लभ वन्य प्राणियों के संरक्षण हेतु अलग प्रस्तवों पर विचार किया जाता है ।